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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit (WPCP) for the Pinson Exploration Project has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for this new permit, WPCP NEV2005103 is:

Atna Resources Inc.
700 Smithridge Dr., Suite 101A
Reno, NV 89502

The facility is located on private land in Humboldt County, within Township 38N, Range 42E, Sections 28, 29 and 33, Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian (MDB&M), approximately 37 miles northeast of the town of Winnemucca in Humboldt County, Nevada. The Pinson Exploration Project will involve the development of two exploration declines, each located within the existing CX and Mag open pits at the Pinson Mine Site. No more than 36,500 tons of ore will be removed annually and no more than 120,000 tons of ore will be removed over the life of the project, thereby classifying the Pinson facility as a small-scale mining operation. All ore mined will be processed offsite at a permitted facility and dewatering water removed as a result of the decline development will be allowed to return to the same basin through a series of infiltration basins. Please refer to WPCP NEV2005102 for additional information.

The Pinson Exploration facility will consist of dewatering wells, an ore stockpile area, a waste rock dump, and other ancillary facilities. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the water pollution control permit, or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation in the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445A, must submit their comments, objections, or requests no later than August 17, 2005 to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
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All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit renewal information and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information contact [Rob Kuczynski](#) at (775) 687-9441, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900 ext. 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.state.nv.us/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.